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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of an executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 signed
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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
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Sir:

I, Toyohisa Fujimoto, a citizen of Japan and having postal mailing address of c/o Kaneka Corporation, 1-8, Miyamae-cho, Takasago-cho, Takasago-shi, Hyogo 651-2137, Japan, declare and say that:

In March, 1999, I was graduated from Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University, and received a master's degree in the field of chemistry;

Since April, 1999, I have been employed by Kaneka Corporation and engaged in the work of research and development of modified silicone for sealing materials in High Performance Polymers Division;

I am familiar with the technical field of the present invention;

I respectfully submit herewith my exact report;

In order to demonstrate the effect of the present invention, I have carried out the following experiments.

Object

The experiments are:

- 1) to demonstrate that the pressure sensitive adhesive compositions containing less (B) component compared to the compositions of Examples in the present application also provide the effect of the present invention;
- 2) to demonstrate that the pressure sensitive adhesive compositions containing less (C) component compared to the compositions of Examples in the present application also provide the effect of the present invention; and
- 3) to demonstrate that replacing (B) component with a component having more than 1.3 hydrolyzable silyl group and having a number average molecular weight of 3,000 to 10,000 lowers adhesive strength.

Preparation of polymer (P-1)

Each terminal hydroxyl group of Actcol P-23 (product of MITSUI TAKEDA CHEMICALS, INC., polyoxypropylene glycol) was converted to a metaloxy group, which was reacted with allyl chloride for introducing the unsaturated group into a terminus or termini. Thereafter, the terminal groups were reacted with 0.75 equivalent of methyldimethoxysilane to give a methyldimethoxysilyl group-terminated polymer (P-1) with a number average molecular weight of 4,000 (on the polystyrene equivalent basis) as determined by GPC.

Experiments 1 to 6

Pressure sensitive adhesive compositions were prepared by mixing the components shown in Table 1. Components except polymer P-1 were the same as those used in the Examples and Comparative Examples of the present application. Pressure sensitive adhesive films were prepared and evaluated as described in page 19, lines 17 to 20 and page 20, lines 19 to 27 in the specification of

the present application. Experiment 5 corresponds to Example 1 of the present application. Results are shown in Table 1.

Table 2 indicates the results of Examples 1 to 3 and Comparative Examples 1 to 3 of the present application for reference.

In Tables 1 and 2, amounts of (C) component, toluene and curing agent are relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) component and (B) component.

Results

Comparison between Experiments 2, 4 and 5 indicates that the pressure sensitive adhesive composition has a sufficient adhesive strength even when the amount of (B) component is less than 30 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of (A) component.

Comparison between Experiments 2 and 1 or Experiments 4 and 3 indicates that the pressure sensitive adhesive composition has a sufficient adhesive strength even when the amount of (C) component is 40 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of (A) component and (B) component in total.

Comparison between Experiment 5 and 6 indicates that polymer P-1 having more hydrolyzable silyl group compared to (B) component lowers adhesive strength.

Table 1

	Mn	Si group (eq)	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	Experiment 4	Experiment 5	Experiment 6
(A) component	A-1 31,000	0.75	100	100	100	100	100	100
	A-2 26,000	0.85						
Comparative Component	A-3 10,800	0.75						
(B) component	B-1 4,300	0.4	10	10	20	20	30	
	B-2 4,000	0.5						
Comparative Component	Actool P-23 4,000	0						
	P-1 4,000	0.75						30
(C) component	YS Polyster S145	Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)	40	50	40	50	50	50
Toluene		Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)						
Curing Agent	Orgatix TC-100	Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Results in the specification	Viscosity (Pa·s)						280.2	
	Adhesive strength (N/25mm)						30.6	
Additional data	Viscosity (Pa·s)		233.5	416.0	187.5	349.0	306.0	235.0
	Adhesive strength (N/25mm)		18.0	25.5	20.5	27.0	26.2	1.3

Table 2

	Mn	Si group (eq)	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Comparative Example 1	Comparative Example 2	Comparative Example 3
(A) component	A-1	31,000	100	100	100	100	100	
	A-2	26,000			100			
Comparative Component	A-3	10,800						100
(B) component	B-1	4,300	30		40			
	B-2	4,000		40				
Comparative Component	Acetol P-23	4,000				30		
	P-1	4,000						
(C) component	YS Polyster S145	Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)	50	50	50	50	100	80
Toluene		Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)					50	
Curing Agent	Orgatix TC-100	Amount relative to combined total of 100 parts by weight of (A) and (B)	4	4	4	4	4	4
Results in the specification	Viscosity	(Pa·s)	280.2	225.6	232.2	279.5	918.4	290.4
	Adhesive strength	(N/25mm)	30.6	25.4	26.8	7.6	10.2	9.8

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 11th day of March, 2010

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